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	Per Case	Per Doz.
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	Per Case	Per Doz.
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E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12	1.10

	Per Case	Per Doz.
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C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
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	Per Case	Per Doz.
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MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

MARRIAGE.

On the 26th March, at 4, Devonshire-gardens,
Kewside, Glasgow, by the Rev. Robert
Henderson, M.A., assisted by the Rev. William
Workman, M.A., THOMAS STEWARD, second son
of John L. Lapraik, Esq., of Hongkong and
London, to ELIZABETH DUNCAN, eldest daughter
of the late William Burrell, of Glasgow.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1891.

It was not to be expected the Hongkong
Sunday labour question would be allowed a
settlement without a struggle from those
chiefly benefited in enforcing their claim
to a full pound of flesh in the shape of a
toll seven days of toil and labour without
rest from their Christian employers from
year's end to year's end. In a previous
article on this subject we incidentally
mentioned the fact that an old law of
this colony provided for the cessation
of labour on Sunday. We have not
had the opportunity yet of examining
the why and wherefore this law has been
abrogated and set aside, and no doubt our
further investigations in this line will
prove interesting. It is with regret we find
the Honourable member for the Chamber
of Commerce taking up as wrong a
position in this question as we venture to
think his Excellency the Governor took up
in the matter of the "Pay Grab" question.
The serious and continued ill health of His
Excellency, which, in this case instance,
throughout his able administration, has
apparently warped his usual singularly
calm and dispassionate judgment, is some
excuse for what we think is a simple error
in judgment on the part of his Excellency,
but there is no such excuse for our
energetic and capable legislative repre-
sentative, except that even with so strong
a representative it could hardly be expected
that Mr. WHITEHEAD would retire without
a bout in favour of his influential and
interested backers in the Chamber. A
perusal however of the Honourable
member's letter in our issue of yesterday
must convince anyone that it is not
written in the concise and trenchant
style which is so characteristic of Mr.
WHITEHEAD's compositions; it is feeble
and half-hearted throughout. Having
fearlessly led the van in support of this
question from the outset, without entering
into a repetition of our arguments we
content ourselves with simply reviewing,
so far as we can comprehend them, the
somewhat laboured and not well defined
objections of the Honourable member. In
the first place the exponent of the Hong-
kong Chamber of Commerce holding their
brief for *Chinus* interests is really too
deliciously thin, it is something entirely
new to find the Chamber of Commerce of
this colony posing as the protector of
native interests. A short time only has
elapsed since the sapient wire pullers of
this same Association took up a particularly
strong attitude in endeavouring to crush
the Observatory and all belonging to it
simply because its staff did their duty and
gave timely weather warnings. These
warnings these autocrats considered were
unnecessarily frequent and besides inter-
fered with their shipping profits. It mattered
not an iota to them whether or not the
ghastly spectacle of the 1874 typhoon was
reproduced on the shores of this harbour.
They, safely ensconced ashore, were only
too ready to view with complacency the
risks and perils of the boating population
of this essentially seafaring colony, and
resented such timely warnings of
approaching danger. So it ever has been
and will be while such an association is its
present constitution is suffers to exist.

The second stand-point of Mr. WHITE-
HEAD was in regard to interference with the
food supply of the colony. This again
is exceedingly amusing, for no one knows
better than the honourable member that
the sanitary laws of the colony enter here,
with which this legislation would not clash.
Special provision has ensured that perish-
able articles of food will not be allowed to
"rot" on board the risk of health of
the crew of steamers, and moreover, if
landed, providing for their treatment in
accordance with the sanitary conditions
and regulations of the colony. There will be
no great chance of the colony being thrown
on state supplies, for at present the Chinese
do not allow Sunday shipments or clearances
from any treaty port in the Empire.
Again as regards running charters it is
preposterous to talk about the "shoe
pinching" in any unfair degree here. It is
an utter impossibility for vessels to be
chartered from this colony to run to
any civilised port where Sunday work
is permitted. Charters invariably run
exempting Sundays as working days, and if
they are so capable of alteration here as
to provide for Sunday being counted as
working days only in this colony, then it
tends to show the crying evil it is and supports
the urgency for reform. The Chamber
of Commerce of Hongkong cannot be
congratulated in this latest feeble effort to

thwart the passage of the Sunday labour
Ordinance, and so far as our opinion goes
the concluding simile of its representative
is inappropriate, the boot being rather "on
the other leg." We appealed in the most
earnest manner at the outset to the great
employers of labour in this colony,
in the light of labour events occurring
throughout the universe, to approach
this question in a considerate and
conciliatory spirit; they heeded not our
advice and preferred therefore "to strain
at the gnat," and now may enjoy the
pleasure to the fullest of having to swallow
the camel.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE seafaring community's memorial will, we
hear, be presented to His Excellency the
Governor on board the *Oceanic* to-morrow
morning.

A VERY large number of residents, of all
nationalities, called at Government House this
afternoon to wish the Governor and Lady des
Vaux *bon voyage*.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co.
courteously informs us that the steamship
Ranessa, with the next English mail, left Singa-
pore yesterday at 1 p.m. for this port.

We are officially informed that the address of
the Civil Servants will be presented to Sir G. W.
des Vaux at 9.45 to-morrow morning, and one
from the Education Department will be presented
at 9.30.

THE P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de
Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to
the 14th inst., has arrived at Yokohama, and
will leave for this port at noon to-morrow.

THE master of a cargo boat was charged at the
Police Court this morning, before Mr. Wise, with
committing a breach of the harbour regulations.
He admitted the charge and was fined \$25.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Russell
& Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer
Minutaur left Port Darwin for this port yesterday,
and may be expected to arrive on the 15th inst.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618,
S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland
Street, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 8.30 for
9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially
invited.

THE lightning conductor attached to the Naval
Sanatorium at the Peak took a Chinaman's fancy
yesterday, and he commenced to annex the same
with a saw. He was caught in the act, however,
and this morning Mr. Wise sent him to a month's
imprisonment.

THE *Pending Smith* of April 25th says:—The
Dutch steamer *Smelt*, which arrived from
Rotterdam yesterday, brought the fittings and
machinery for the Langkat kerolis oil springs.
The plant will be transferred to the steamer
Midlen and conveyed to its destination. It is
expected that the oil will be placed in the
market in August next.

ANOTHER car-rigging case was heard at the
Police Court this morning by Mr. Wise. The
case was as per usual: A widow in Queen's
Road; the car-rigging, and the offender
caught. It was summarily disposed of by the
magistrate: Evidence given; charge denied;
proved guilty, and sent to goal for six months,
with two whippings of twelve strokes each.

FROM THE L. and C. Express, April 3rd:—
The *Satellite*, third-class cruiser, was taken
into the steam basin at Sheerness Dockyard on
the 30th ult., to be completed for service on the
Pacific station, where she is to relieve the
Daphne, sloop, which is to be transferred to the
China station.

The following appointments have been made
at the Admiralty:—Staff-Surgeon R. M'Ilvor, to
the *Daphne*, to date March 31; Lieut. D. E. R.
Brownrigg, to the *Plover*; E. H. Parker, to the
Pigmy; and T. H. Foster, to the *Redpoll*, to
date April 1st.

The composite sloop *Wanderer* is to be paid
out of commission at Sheerness on the 24th inst.
after seven years' service on the China station.
She is to be placed in the third division of the
Midway Steam Reserve, and will be brought
forward at a future date for another term of
foreign service.

Major W. B. Fletcher, R.A., from Staff Captain,
Hongkong, has been appointed Brigade-Major,
Royal Artillery, at Gibraltar, vice Captain H. C.
Dunlop, whose period of Staff Captain has expired.
Major Fletcher, who has passed the Staff
College, was appointed to the Staff at Hongkong,
July 25, 1888.

The feeling of resentment that has arisen in
the Straits Settlements, Hongkong and Ceylon
with reference to the increased demands made
upon them in the matter of the military con-
tributions paid by them, though it is considered
somewhat exaggerated—meets (says the *United
Service Magazine*) with a certain amount of
sympathy.

Captain N. W. H. du Boulay, R.A., has been
appointed Staff Captain, Royal Artillery, at
Hongkong. He joined the army May 17, 1880.
Has passed the Staff College. Served with the
Nile Expedition of 1884-85, and was present at
the action of Abu Klea and in the engagements
of Abu Klea, Metemma, and Abu Klea Wells
(aerial with two claps, and bronze star).

We understand that a batch of appointments
in the China Consular Service may be shortly
looked for, and that amongst other things it
probable the following will be made:—Mr. T.
Walters to be Consul at Swatow, Mr. Alex.
Fraser to Newchwang, Mr. H. A. Giles to
Ningpo, Mr. Everard to Ichang, and Mr. T. L.
Bullock to Kluikang.

It is practically decided to bring the question
of the increased military contribution demanded
from Ceylon and the Straits before Parliament,
and a suitable opportunity will be sought on an
early date. The late Blue-book on the Straits
contribution, the more it is studied, shows how
a Minister in spite of all arguments and facts
being against him, can despise a revenue and
injure the welfare of a settlement. It is
assured that the Chancellor of the Exchequer
had more to do with the late despatch, to which
is appended the signature of Lord Kintford,
than the Colonial Minister. The conduct meted
out cannot be classed as statesmanship. A colony
with a grievance, especially one of such a
magnitude as Singapore complains of, has a
right to be heard, and to be treated with fairness
and consideration; not spurned and treated with
contempt. Let us hope the colonists will not
cease to clamour till they obtain that justice
which is so justly due.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Vindicta* left
Bombay for this port at 5 p.m. on the 4th inst.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D.
Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Yapam*,
from Calcutta, left Singapore to-day for this port.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
Hospital, begs to acknowledge with thanks the
following donation to the funds of the Hospital:—
Messrs. Reuter Brockelmann & Co., \$50

THE *Shanghai Mercury* understands that the
two pilots in charge of the vessel, of the
Cawit (steamship *Vindicta*) on the
Yangtze, Messrs. Centerwall and Seymour, each
received a gold scarf-pin set with diamonds, and
the pilots of the cruizers *Bobbe* and *Digit*,
Messrs. Popp and Koland, received diamond
rings, as souvenirs from His Imperial Highness

WE learn on reliable authority that Fung Shun
Yau, the leader of the *Namoi* piracy in
December last, arrived in Canton on Monday
from Ng-chow, under a strong guard of Chinese
soldiers. The ruffian was caught outside the
Hong Ching temple at Ng-chow, in company
with another member of the piratical gang
named Chan Lu, on Friday last, and the two
bandits will no doubt meet their reward in a few
days. More Kowloon exhibitions.

RE the wall for the continuance of the Eccle-
siastical Grant, an intemperate and evidently
dissenting correspondent writes:—"I had the
curiosity to examine the petition lying at Kelly
and Walsh's to-day. There were 31 signatures,
out of which 38 were those of Government
officials!" The Tooley Street tailors aren't in
it; fancy 75 per cent. of the yeomen for a sub-
sidised patron being themselves State or Colonial
servants, and calling themselves the representa-
tives of Hongkong!

ABOUT four o'clock this morning another fire
broke out in a silver-smith's shop, situated at No.
280, Queen's Road Central. The Fire Brigade
arrived shortly after the out-break upon the scene,
and the water from the harbour again proved of
the greatest assistance. The fire, however, had
outlasted a good hold on No. 280 and the
adjoining shop, No. 282, a general store, and in
spite of the exertions of the brigade the two
shops were entirely burnt out, the flames not
being got under till 5.30 a.m. We understand
that the premises No. 280, was insured for
\$70,000 in the Farnham Madgeburg Insurance
Company, for whom Messrs. Sander & Co. are
the agents.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE
UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

We have been requested by his Excellency
the Governor to publish the following reply to
the letter of the Unofficial Members of the
Legislative Council, which appeared in our
issue of Monday last:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Hongkong, 5th May, 1891.

Gentlemen,—I have given careful considera-
tion to your letter of the 4th inst., with an earnest
desire to view it in the most favourable light.

Where offensive language is not itself with-
drawn, the mere withdrawal or disclaimer of
offensive meaning, which (according to my
knowledge of English) inseparably attaches to
the words, would under ordinary circumstances
cause difficulty in paying heed to it; but
while for this reason my acceptance must in any
case be as qualified as your repatriation, I am
nevertheless willing to accept that repatriation, in
the spirit in which it is apparently offered, from
a reciprocated desire for peace on the eve of my
leaving a Colony as to which I wish to retain no
other than pleasant memories.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours very faithfully,
(Signed) G. W. DES Vaux.

The Hon. P. RYRIE.
" HO KAI.
" T. H. WHITEHEAD.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

May 6th.

A FISH CASE.

Judgment was delivered in the case *Loo Ngo
Ko versus Chan Sub Sang*, which was a claim for
the possession of Sec. A of Island Lot 142
and two shops erected thereon, and for profits
from May 14th, 1890. Plaintiff's claim rested
on a purchase and assignment dated Novem-
ber 3th, 1889, from Leung Ayl to it; he was
duly registered in the Land Office as owner,
and his title was not disputed. Defendant
claimed that the owner in 1873, Ho Lai Shi,
leased the property to defendant's father for 20
years at \$98 per month. A book was produced
with an entry purporting to be a lease. In 1888
Leung Ayl tried to raise the rent to \$120, when
this book was produced and a memorial of it
was registered in the Land Office, Dec. 10, 1888.
There was some doubt as to the validity of the
lease, but his Lordship ruled that it could not
be set aside. Leung Ayl (who knew nothing of it) nor
his successor the plaintiff. Ord. 18 of 1884 in
the preamble had the words "to prevent secret
and fraudulent conveyances" etc. After going
fully into the Ordinance, his Lordship found that
plaintiff was entitled to possession of the
premises in May, 1890. There must be a decree
for possession and also rents up to date of
delivering possession. Judgment for plaintiff
with costs.

Mr. Robinson (for the plaintiff) asked for im-
mediate execution. The premises in dispute were
burnt down a day or two ago, and without re-
ference to any question which might come before
the magistrate as to the origin of the fire, it was
desirable to execute the order at once owing to
the probability of plaintiff leaving the Colony.
The amount due for rent could be settled by the
Registrar. Mr. Pollock (for defendant) had said
there would be no difficulty in arranging what
the amount should be. Defendant had not
appeared and was not represented to-day, which
added to the suspicions.

His Lordship made the order accordingly.

THE CHINESE FUNERAL RITES CASE.

In the matter of the estate of Tso Wing Yung,
deceased, in which Mr. Phillips appeared for
one of the legatees and Mr. Leach for the Official
Assignee,

His Lordship gave judgment in accordance
with the application, that the bequest of one
eleventh part to pay the whole annual income
for Chinese rites to be performed at testator's
grave be void, as tending to a perpetuity, and
that there was an intestacy of that portion, which
should go to the next of kin.

THE FATALITY TO A SCHOOL-
BOY.

At the Magistrate's afternoon Mr. Wise,
Acting Coroner, held an inquiry into the
circumstances attending the death of J. McBean,
who was accidentally shot yesterday morning.

Dr. Marques was called and said the body
was taken to the mortuary about 9 a.m. yesterday
and he made a post mortem examination in the
afternoon. He found blood oozing from the
nose and a small bullet wound on the upper
portion of the right chest. The bullet had gone
through and lodged in the lung. Death resulted
from hemorrhage caused by the wound. The
deceased died about ten minutes after the wound
was inflicted. The saloon rifle produced would
fire a bullet such as the wound made.

John Orlik, nine years of age, said he
was a scholar at St. Joseph's College. He
knew the deceased, who was in the same
class. Yesterday morning about half-past
eight he and the deceased with other boys
were playing near the school. He saw the boy
Lebury holding the rifle, pointing it at McBean,
who stood about twelve yards away. Lebury
did not speak and nuzzled the trigger, but he did
not know it was loaded. McBean fell down and
groaned. Lebury and his brother carried
McBean outside the grounds to take him
towards the doctor's house. There had been no
quarrel between the deceased and Lebury.
They were playing.

Jose Pereira, another school-boy, gave similar
evidence. They were playing in a compound, and
one of them put a dog in a box, in which was
found the fire-arm. The gun belonged to a boy
named Pirry. The deceased and Lebury were
good friends.

Andrew Pirry, another pupil at St. Joseph's
College, said the rifle was given to him. He
had bought cartridges for it from a Chinaman's
shop. He was not present at the time of the
shooting. The rifle was kept in his room.

Brother Abbia said that yesterday morn-
ing, about 8.15, one of the boys came to
him and told him a boy had been shot. He
at once went to see, and found McBean dead.
The body was then taken away. He knew the
boys, and had never heard of any quarrel between
the boys. Lebury had not an excellent character,
either for temper and work. Witness was not
aware of Pirry being in possession of the weapon.
Had he known, Pirry would not have been allowed
to keep it.

Joseph Lebury then made a statement as
follows:—I am a scholar at St. Joseph's College.
I am thirteen years of age. There was a boy
named Ropi playing with us, and he took a dog
and put it in a box. I saw the rifle in
the box and I took it away. I was playing
soldiers with it and I put my fingers on the
trigger. I was pointing at him, and it went off.
I was frightened, and Tommy (the deceased) fell
down. I and my brother lifted him up to carry
him to Dr. Harigan's house, and then one of
the priests came up.

The mother of the deceased was called, and
said the boys were friends. She could assign no
reason for Lebury killing her son.

His Worship said—I find the death of the
deceased was caused by internal hemorrhage
from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by
one Joseph Lebury. Addressing Lebury, he
added—I have found it was an accident, and
although you are a young boy I hope it will be
a lesson throughout your life not to pick up fire-
arms, loaded or unloaded. Your folly has caused
the death of another boy. It has often been said
by gentlemen in my position that the reckless
use of fire-arms leads to, and it is true again,
that that which is corrected by your father,
as a warning never to touch such things again.

In answer to his Worship, Pirry said he got the
rifle from a friend older than himself, and his
Worship continuing said—He was a bigger fool
than you. I forfeit the rifle which has been
the cause of this accident.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Wise, Inspector
Hennessy said the Police would now withdraw
the charge against Lebury, and he was dis-
charged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.)

THE SUNDAY LABOUR BILL.

A REPLY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Permit me to make the following brief
reply to Mr. Whitehead's criticisms on the
Sunday Rest Bill.

Firstly, there cannot be any reasonable doubt
but that the Government has devoted due con-
sideration to the subject of restables, eggs,
lucks, geese and fish which are imported by the
Canton river boats. There will, therefore, be
no necessity for Hongkong's teeming thousands
having to tiffin off state eggs and decayed
vegetables when unnecessary labour on board
ships in this port is restricted on Sundays.

Secondly, if shipowners and charterers could
not see the "writing on the wall" which the
anti-Sunday labour movement clearly indicated,
during the past nine months—in particular, it is
no fault of a Government which has taken action
calculated to relieve an important section of the
community from what was at once a hard-
ship and a gross injustice. But it is reason-
able to conclude that the authorities will see to
it that a month or two's grace in the operation
of the law will be given to those who have lacked
forethought in this connection.

Thirdly, the large portion of the community
whose livelihood is dependent on the vast ship-
ping trade of this port will, it may be assumed,
have less work to do on Sundays in future than
prior to the passing of the Sunday Rest Ordinance.
But if the whole community is in favour of legi-
slation restricting labour on shore, it is probable
that a petition on the subject addressed to the
Government would have the desired effect.

Finally, allow me to propose that if,
as Mr. Whitehead suggests, the foreign
built vessels are in danger of being
driven to the wall by a number of unseaworthy
junks, whose cargoes cannot be insured and are
constantly pillaged by pirates who infest the
coasts of the neighbouring provinces, it must
indeed be of such an unstable character as to
warrant shareholders in withdrawing every cent
they have hitherto invested in consoling com-
panies with so much pecuniary advantage to
themselves and the shippers (native) who largely
patronise their vessels at all the treaty ports
throughout the Chinese empire.

When our President returns to Hongkong in
the course of a day or two he will doubtless
answer Mr.

Mr. Juan's gr. Hazarder, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ramsey
Mr. C. F. Woodward's sp. Bandicoot, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Midwood

After several false starts the field were despatched in fairly good order. Beauty was showing the way at the Monument, closely attended by seven or eight others, among whom were Assurance and Undaunted. Coming into the straight Beauty was still leading, with Guarantee close at hand. Nearing the stand Guarantee came to the front and for a moment looked like winning easily, but was immediately challenged by Teutonic, who, hard ridden, just got up in the nick of time and won a fine race by a head. Hawthorn was a good third, with all the others close except Vidi, who was last. Time, 1m. 39s.

Parl-mutuel:—Guarantee 55, Beauty 52, Undaunted 46, Assurance 24, West Wind 16, Gehlman 14, Bovril 12, Elastic 10, Shogun 7, Vidi 6, Vici 5, Streamer 5, False Alarm 4, Hazard 4, White Heather 3, Teutonic 2, Storm King 2, Quidnunc 2, Chief Justice 2, First Choice 2, Hazard 2, Homeward 2, Hawthorn 1. Total 278=£1,390.

The CATHAY CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a half.

Mr. Sasso's gr. Zephyr, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 1
Mr. Hampton's gr. Comus, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Hough 2
Mr. Chantrey's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 3

Mr. W. T. Phipps' b. Perseverance, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 3
Mr. Chouffeur's gr. Elegant, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Midwood 4

Perseverance made the running a length in front of Comus and Elegant, Zephyr fourth. This order was maintained until entering the back straight, when Zephyr came into third place, Elegant dropping back. Rounding the bend for the Monument Perseverance was beaten and Comus assumed the lead only to be immediately passed by Zephyr. The two made a good race home, but the favourite was never really ended and was easily beaten by the winner of a length; bad third; Perseverance was fourth and Elegant last. Time, 2m. 27.5-4th sec.

Parl-mutuel:—Zephyr 215, Autocrat 2, Comus 10, Perseverance 5, Elegant 2, Total 242=£1,210.

The JOCKEY CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China ponies that have never won a race; to be ridden by jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round.

Mr. Charley's b. Irkdale (late Glenlivet) 11st. 11lb. Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. Sasso's gr. Experiment, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Schiffr 2

Mr. Chouffeur's gr. Stalwart, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Wickham 3
Mr. Sasso's gr. May Morn, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 4

Mr. Moffat's bl. Cloudlands, 10st. 11lb. Mr. Moffat 5
Mr. Troy's gr. Fawnion, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Edliss 6
Mr. Middy's d. Kingcraft, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Souter 7
Mr. John's d. Sturmwind, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hegauer 8

Experiment and Sturmwind made the running, the former assuming a slight lead in the back straight. In this order they ran to the bend for the Monument. Here Irkdale was coming up, caught Mr. Sasso's pony just beyond the Monument, and coming away fast won by four lengths; bad third; Sturmwind was fourth, Kingcraft fifth, and Cloudlands last. Time, 2m. 47.4-5th sec.

Parl-mutuel:—Irkdale, late Glenlivet 57, Sturmwind 35, Stalwart 31, Kingcraft 27, Experiment 17, May Morn 10, Cloudlands 4, Fawnion 4. Total 185=£915.

The KIANGSU PLATE, value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Sasso's gr. El Dorado, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sasso 1
Mr. Sasso's gr. Eureka, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 2
Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 3

Mr. Inch's gr. Earlston, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Renny 4
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Volcano, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 5

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Vernal, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Crawford 6
Mr. C. F. Woodward's cr. Wallaby, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Midwood 7

Vernal made the running, with Black Leaf second and Earlston third. Rounding the bend into the back straight Eureka assumed the lead, closely attended by Black Leaf. At the end of the straight this order was unchanged, but the leader was gradually drawing away and El Dorado was rapidly gaining on Black Leaf. On passing the Monument Mr. Sasso's pair had the race between them. Eureka was eased near the stand, and El Dorado won by half a length; Black Leaf was a very bad third, Volcano fourth, Wallaby fifth, and Vernal last. Time 4m. 5-2-5th.

Parl-mutuel:—Eureka 118, El Dorado 25, Volcano 22, Black Leaf 15, Vernal 4, Earlston 3, Wallaby 1. Total 188=£940.

The RACING STAKES, a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China ponies that have never won a race before 1st January 1891; griffins at date of entry allowed 5lbs; weight for inches as per scale; winners, 5lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Kilmun's gr. Bubbling Well, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Renny 1
Mr. Sasso's gr. Fancy, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Dallas 2

Mr. Hagg's ch. Starlight, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Sasso 3
Mr. Chouffeur's gr. En Avant, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Midwood 4

Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Hough 5
Mr. Sasso's gr. El Dorado, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Sasso 6

Mr. Sasso's gr. Eureka, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 7
Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 8

Mr. Sasso's gr. El Dorado, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Sasso 9
Mr. Sasso's gr. Eureka, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 10

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Mr. Sasso's gr. El Dorado, 10st. 10lb. Mr. Sasso 25
Mr. Sasso's gr. Eureka, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 26

Mr. Sasso's b. Heron, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 1
Mr. Moray's gr. Millionaire, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Courts 2

Mr. Worthy's gr. Don Pedro, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Midwood 3
Mr. John Peel's ch. Alabama, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Renny 4

Mr. Dual's ch. Ventilator, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Crawford 5
Mr. Daniel's gr. Maraschino, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 6

Mr. Julius's gr. Matador, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ruff 7
Mr. Harvey's gr. Surefoot, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Allan 8

Heron got the best of the start and made the running with Vindicator second and St. Mark third. Heron held a good lead along the back straight and the order was unchanged at the Monument at which Vindicator and St. Mark were close up to the leader. In the straight Horset joined the other three, and a fine race ended in favour of St. Mark by a quarter of a length from Vindicator; Horset, hard ridden, was a good third, Heron fourth, Matador fifth, Surefoot sixth and Ventilator last. Time, 2m. 47s.

Parl-mutuel:—St. Mark 81, Heron 69, Matador 15, Vindicator 9, Alabama 7, Millionaire 7, Horset 7, Maraschino 7, Ventilator 6, Surefoot 2. Total 211=£1,055.

The CESARWITCH STAKES, a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China ponies, being *bona fide* griffins at date of entry, and which have arrived in Shanghai after 28th February 1891; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a race, 7lb. extra. One mile.

Mr. Anthony's d. Dan, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 1
Mr. Sasso's cr. Golden Cloud, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 2

Mr. Neptune's d. Determination, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Read 3
Mr. Kilmun's gr. Pit-a-pat, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ruff 4

Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ruff 5
Mr. Sasso's gr. Experiment, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 6

Mr. Hagg's d. Globe Trotter, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dickinson 7
Mr. John Peel's gr. Storm King, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 8

Mr. Newboy's b. Shogun, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 9
Mr. Newboy's b. Mikado, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ramsay 10

Mr. Crawford's ch. Homeward, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Crawford 11
Mr. Teller's ch. Quidnunc, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Courts 12

Mr. Holmefield's gr. Hawthorn, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Inglis 13
Mr. Inch's wh. White Heather, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Renny 14

Mr. Troy's gr. Balmahall, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Midwood 15
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' b. Vidi, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hart Buck 16

Mr. Seraph's gr. Chief Justice, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ruff 17
Mr. Sasso's gr. Experiment, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 18

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Mr. Sasso's gr. Experiment, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 72

This race requires very little description, Zephyr as usual allowing the running to be made for him to the Monument, where he came away and won very easily by three lengths; Perseverance, b. h. ridden, was nearly fifty yards ahead of Vindicator. Time, 2m. 44.3-5th sec.

Parl-mutuel:—Zephyr 83, Reaper 12, Perseverance 9, Vindicator 5. Total 109=£545.

The RACE CLUB CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting of a race of one mile or under to carry 5lbs. extra; over a mile, 7lbs. extra; penalties accumulative up to 10lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles.

Mr. Chantrey's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Baker 1
Mr. Sasso's gr. El Dorado, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 2

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Volcano, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hart Buck 3
Mr. Chouffeur's gr. Stalwart, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Ruff 4

Stalwart made the running, with El Dorado, Autocrat and Volcano second, third and fourth respectively. At the Loong-fai gate Autocrat came into second place, and there was no further change in the order until nearing the Monument, where the rear division had drawn up. At the Monument Stalwart was beaten and Autocrat came away with about a length's lead of El Dorado. A fine race between the two followed, but the favourite was evidently in difficulties, and he could not get up. Autocrat winning by a length; bad third. Time, 4m. 34sec.

Parl-mutuel:—El Dorado 184, Volcano 34, Autocrat 21, Stalwart 13. Total 216=£1,080.

The CONCORDIA CUP, value, Tls. 100; presented by members of the Club Concordia, added to a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second pony to receive 50 per cent. and the third pony 10 per cent. of the stakes; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Derby, 5lb. extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. Hampton's gr. Comus, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 1
Mr. Sasso's gr. Fancy, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Dallas 2

Mr. Juan's d. Hazarder, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ramsey 3
Mr. Sasso's gr. Experiment, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Sasso 4

Mr. T. Phipps' Undaunted, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Renny 5
Mr. Crawford's ch. Homeward, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Crawford 6

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straight run for home the leader was challenged by Mercury and Sturmwind and a fine race ensued. Black Leaf just kept his lead to the end and won by a neck; good third; Noirmont was fourth, May Morn fifth, and Elegant last. Time, 2m. 5-2-5th sec.

Parl-mutuel:—Noirmont 188, Mercury 33, Black Leaf 25, Elegant 10, Likelihood 9, Sturmwind 6, May Morn 5. Total 276=£1,380.

The CHAU SHANG KIUK CUP, value Tls. 100; founded by the Directors and employees of the C. M. S. N. Co.; for China ponies that have never run at any meeting in China or Hongkong previous to date of entry at this meeting; to be won at two consecutive meetings, or three times in all, by ponies, the *bona fide* property of the same owner; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 10; 80 per cent. of the entrance fees to go to the winners until the cup is won, when the second pony shall receive same; the remaining 20 per cent. to be allowed to accumulate, and the accumulation in excess of Tls. 500 (to be retained for a new cup) to be paid to the winner. One mile.

Mr. H. Sylva's cr. Teutonic, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Pond 1
Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Renny 2

Mr. Sasso's cr. Golden Cloud, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 3
Mr. Kilmun's gr. Pit-a-pat, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Dallas 4

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION for the SHORT RANGE
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the 9th instant, commencing at 3.15 P.M. Dis-
tances 200 and 300 yards. Usual conditions.
All shooting members are requested to attend, as
the scores made on this occasion will be taken
into consideration when a team is being selected
to represent the Association in forthcoming
matches.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 2.45
P.M. to convey competitors.

FRANK COLLINS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1891. [65]

NOTICE.

PUNTON & SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN
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IN deference to the wish of a number of Share-
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have decided to leave open until further notice
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Shares.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1891. [685]

ST. JOHN LODGE

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1891. [674]

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [678]

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Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1047]

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1891. [659]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of Eighteen per
cent. upon Contributions for the year
1890 has been declared. WARRANTS may be
had on application at the Office of the Society,
on and after the 6th May.

By the Order of the Board,
N. J. KEE,
Secretary.

Hongkong 25th April, 1891. [628]

NOTICE.

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DOCK COMPANY,
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SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS
are respectfully informed that, if upon
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necessary, communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken
to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1886. [15]

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1888. [19]

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Hongkong, 29th April, 1891. [6]

INTIMATION.

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1891. [132]

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1890. [1189]

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Hongkong, 26th December, 1889. [144]

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [328]

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [23]

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1890. [49]

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1891. [13]

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. [227]

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1891. [40]

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**THE HONGKONG BANK AND THE
SHARE MARKET.**

having anything to do with such a shady business. History repeats itself. It has only been too clearly evident of late that Bank stock was being industriously "boomed" under official auspices and that the promoters of the movement were powerfully and influentially supported. The speculation met with some degree of success, as the rate was recklessly rushed up in the fashion so common in the local market, and but for that unfortunate Parsee failure and another reported loss of nearly a lakh owing to a flagrant case of over-confidence in what is said to have been a one-sided game of exchange speculation, the boom would probably have been maintained until after the April settlements, and a substantial haul realised; but bad news travel apace and the Bombay heavy loss, added to other losses and other causes nearer home, brought the shares down with a run to the tune of eight per cent. in one afternoon—hence the weeping and wailing and long faces, and unsatisfactory and missing accounts on squaring-up day.

The attitude assumed by the dictators of the Hongkong Bank towards the new National Bank of China, has led to much discussion in local share circles. "War to the knife" is the Christian-like motto of these excellent persons, and they are carrying on a one-sided and most purposeless warfare with distinguished success. By dint of hard work the shares of the National Bank of China, which were far more than fully applied for, have been forced down to 27½ per cent. discount, and there are numerous Richmonds in the field struggling might and main to strangle the promising infant at its birth; but considering the most satisfactory and universal support the new concern has received from all classes in the commercial world both in London and throughout the Far East, and the promising field of operations open to its enterprise, it will take more than the feeble and factious opposition of a few Hongkong share-jobbers to crush it in the bud. But why this spiteful opposition from the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and their obsequious satellites and time-servers, to a legitimate enterprise whose opposition they pretend can do their vested interests no harm, and with whose leading supporters they are apparently on the most harmonious terms? It is positively certain that had this National Bank of China not been started, the great local Bank would have had to face the determined rivalry of a powerful German Bank in Hongkong in the very near future, and even now it is by no means certain that opposition in that direction will not be realised before many months have passed. In addition to all this it is puzzling to reconcile with common sense the inconsistency of the renowned Court of Directors in their war of extermination against the projected National Bank of China, while they allow several distinguished members of the Court, apparently without one word of remonstrance, to actively direct and support various other banking oppositions already existing in the colony. But then consistency, like many other esteemed qualities which are sadly lacking, is not one of the strong points of the *omnium gatherum* majority of nondescripts who have done so much lately to bring the Directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank into well-deserved contempt. That these would-be autocrats; who claim to absolutely control the business affairs of Hongkong, and more especially in regard to share transactions, will be brought to their proper bearings is a matter of certainty, and that at no very far distant date. The selfish, tyrannical and utterly unjustifiable absolutism which a majority of these paid servants of the shareholders have initiated and carried into effect in dealing with their employers, the clients and supporters of the Bank, has excited a feeling of wide-spread indignation and general disgust; complaints are heard from every side of uncivil and uncourtous treatment, and the names of Directors who hold their heads high amongst their fellows, and assume a snuffing air of virtue even if they have it not, are freely bandied about in connection with transactions which are the reverse of creditable. Many of the financial troubles which have so demoralised the local Share Market are attributed to those whose judgment is entitled to respect, to the one-sided methods adopted by the great local Bank in dealing with its constituency; favoritism is stated to have been rampant and a general state of affairs allowed to exist that is certainly neither in keeping with banking traditions nor in touch with the principles embodied in the special charter by which this institution enjoys valued privileges under the ordinances of the colony. If the Directors attended to the business for which they are so liberally remunerated, and which would appear to be treated as almost a sinecure of the old-fashioned official type, instead of evading their responsibilities, when openly challenged and going out of their way to gratify personal animosity and prejudice at the expense of the shareholders, by making improper and malicious use of their position to act as professional "boycotters," after merely assuming the publicity of the charges of mismanagement and neglect brought against them, it would be very much more to their credit than the present untenable attitude they have thought fit to assume. Even the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank are not infallible, and individually and collectively as their biographies, which we are industriously compiling, will clearly show, remain still a little lower than the angels.

Now on the broad question of the letter, written by the unofficial members to the Governor on April 24th, to which his Excellency has taken such grave exception and which is alleged to have created all the recent personal bickering and caused the existing constitutional crisis—what does it all amount to? We have most carefully analysed that letter, studied it in the most word by word, but have quite failed to discover anything whatever to justify the Governor's charge that it contained "unworthy imputations and disrespect" against himself. There are, so far as our search and impartial analysis is concerned, no unworthy imputations in any kind whatsoever levelled at his Excellency; there are undoubtedly some very plain terms made use of which may or may not be warranted as arguments on public policy, but which are nevertheless perfectly justified as the free and independent views of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council on matters in which they have a paramount interest. Mr. KESWICK is not very far from the mark when he says the letter contains "certain passages which appear to be 'very disrespectful'" and as the signatories, including the Hon. Mr. WHITEHEAD, emphatically disclaimed any intention of being disrespectful, the matter should have been dropped there. His Excellency, however, after displaying an amount of ultra-sensitiveness which was really remarkable in an old and experienced statesman who has never been subjected to any amount of hostile misadversion and criticism in every country he has governed, declined to accept the olive branch held out to him, and "rode the high horse" to the last, conveniently forgetting that in his own letter to the unofficial members, he was considerably described by the Hon. Mr. WHITEHEAD as "a most inconsiderate letter," and as a very much more offensive production than that to which he took such grave exception. Sir WILLIAMS des VŒUX must remember that the unofficial members of the Legislative Council are just as much entitled to respect and courtesy as the Governor, or any other official; their interests in the colony's welfare and progress are at least equal if not superior to his own; and in their exceptional position as representatives of the community, nothing a hopeless battle against a dominant and would-be domineering official majority, they have more than a minimal claim to especial consideration from the Head of the Government. In this instance, and we say it with

While Council-board must have tingled a
rifle when his Excellency was, painfully
expressing His rather pronounced senti-
ments on the subject. There will be

unofficial. Majr said no man should call him that and live. Did live, though, and Majr says Majr —

AND last month the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had notes in circulation amounting on an average to \$4,007,803 against a specie reserve of \$1,950,000. The Chartered Bank's figures were \$2,300,312 against \$750,000 and the

OUR PUBLIC WORKS.

The following report on the operations of the public works for the year 1890 was presented to the Legislative Council on the 30th ult. —

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1891.

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

1. There are four separate Reclamations now in progress, viz. —
- (a) Reclamation included in Ordinance 16 of 1889, 9,191 lineal feet
- (b) Reclamation in front of Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. Marine Lots Nos. 93 to 105, West Point, 592 " "
- (c) Reclamation in front of Salton's Home, 480 " "
- (d) Reclamation in front of Mr. Chater's Marine Lots Nos. 240 to 246, Kennedy Town, 1,410 " "

Making a continuous length of 10,263 lineal feet.

Total, 11,673 lineal feet.

2. Contracts were let in the spring for the formation of the rubble mound which forms the base of the Harbour wall for Section No. 2 and a portion of Section No. 7, and subsequently for Section No. 3. The work contracted for has an aggregate length of 5,001 feet. The work was actually begun in February last, a memorial stone to commemorate the inauguration of the new Praya having been laid by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York.

3. It having been decided to substitute blocks of Portland cement concrete for the granite footing courses of the Praya wall, it became necessary to order the plant required for lifting, transporting and setting these blocks. Accordingly an 8-ton travelling crane, with the necessary rails and other appliances, and a supply of cement, were requisitioned from England through the Crown Agents, and a steam tug of twenty-seven horse power, two block barges, each capable of carrying fifty-five tons, and a floating pontoon 8-ton crane have been contracted for locally with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The steam tug and block barges are nearly completed, and it is anticipated that both the floating and land crane will be complete and ready for work in May next.

4. As the blocks will require about 3 months to set prior to being placed in the work, arrangements will shortly be made to commence the fabrication of the concrete blocks, and thus provide a sufficient stock to allow the work to be pushed on rapidly.

5. The progress made with the Reclamation in front of the Wharf and Godown Company's property has not been so great as might reasonably have been expected owing to the delay in putting in the granite footings. Now, however, that these are laid, and the work is above low-water level there is nothing to prevent this reclamation being carried on regularly and it should be completed in about nine months.

6. The same remark applies to the Reclamation in front of the Salton's Home. Much time was lost in putting in the foundation courses but now that these are completed this reclamation which lies to the westward of that belonging to the Wharf and Godown Company should be completed at about the same time.

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

CENTRAL MARKET.

8. A contract for the foundations and retaining walls was entered into with Mr. Tang Keng on 23rd May last, and the work was forthwith commenced. Fairly good progress has been made. It has been found necessary to pile the whole of the trench on the north or Praya side. Up to 31st December 335 hardwood piles had been driven and there remained to drive about 300. A requisition for the columns, floor girders and beams was forwarded to the Crown Agents in June last. The detailed drawings of the superstructure are nearly completed, and tenders will shortly be called for, so that the Contractor may be in a position to commence operations early in the spring immediately after the completion of the foundations.

CAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE.

9. Although all preparations had been previously made, it was only found practicable to effect a permanent landing, and establish a detachment of workmen on the Rock, on 21st March last. From that time to the present steady progress has been made. Two derricks were fixed—one on the eastern and another on the western side of the rock, which have greatly facilitated operations, and allow landing to be effected when otherwise it would be altogether impracticable. The first operations undertaken were to form convenient approaches from the landing places to the summit of the rock, and to provide suitable quarters for the workmen employed. Substantial brick coolie quarters have been erected capable of lodging 200 men, while on the upper floor there is a suitable apartment for one European foreman. A brick water tank capable of containing 1,500 gallons has been constructed closely adjoining the coolie quarters. The preparation of the site for the lighthouse was then proceeded with, in which operation it was found necessary to remove by blasting about 1,000 tons of hard metamorphic rock. The foundation stone of the Tower was laid by the Officer Administering the Government on 1st September last, and the erection of the Tower and Light-keepers' quarters has since proceeded steadily. The basement floor which contains a permanent water tank to hold 12,000 gallons has been completed, and on 31st December the masonry had reached the level of 4 feet above the Tower platform. The number of workmen employed on the rock has varied from 50 to 95. Notwithstanding the heat and glare from the bare surface of the rock, the health of all employed has been exceptionally good, which may be in part attributed to the care taken to provide proper lodging, and to maintain them in good sanitary condition, as also to ensure a regular supply of food and fresh water. No serious interruption has occurred to the progress of the work except during the gale of 16th October last, when an exceptionally heavy sea struck the rock and recoiled on the water tank situated 68 feet above sea-level. The weight of the wave broke the cover of the tank, and admitted a certain quantity of salt water. On this news reaching me, immediate steps were taken to send a supply of fresh water. During the same gale a considerable quantity of dressed granite, bricks, and sand was washed off the rock, and the derrick on its eastern face was carried away. With this exception the work has proceeded regularly, and without accident, or other unusual incident. The progress made reflects much credit on Mr. J. R. Mudie, the Executive Engineer in charge, and Mr. Donald Fraser, Foreman, who has resided continuously on the rock since April last.

TRAINING ALBANY NULLAH AND BRANCHES.

PREPARATION OF KENNEDY ROAD SITES.

10. A contract for this work was entered into on 4th October last and the work has since been pushed rapidly forward. The masonry of the Channel for the Albany Nullah is nearly completed as far as the Tramway Station, the bridge on the Kennedy Road is in progress, and the small storm channel west of the Tramway is well advanced. I am urging the Contractor to push on with this important work with a view to its completion if possible before the rainy season begins.

IMPROVEMENTS—RECREATION GROUND—HAPPY VALLEY.

11. A contract for filling in the round pond or lake was entered into on 11th July last, and although considerable difficulties have been encountered in obtaining the large quantity (64,000 cubic yards) of material required to fill in this pond, without interfering unduly with the old Chinese cemetery, and private property, rapid progress has been made and the work is approaching completion. About 15,730 square yards of the area within the Race Course have been returned, but it need hardly be said that the unusually protracted drought has severely tried both the old and new turf. It is proposed to push on as rapidly as possible with the diversion of the canal, and other work remaining to complete these improvements, which when carried out will very nearly double the area available for purposes of recreation.

CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIG DEPOTS AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

12. The area required for the extension of the Cattle Sheds is nearly prepared, but the work has been greatly delayed owing to the refractory nature of the trap rock which it has been necessary to blast.

13. A contract for the preparation of the site of the Slaughter-house and Sheep and Pig Depots, including extensive excavations and retaining walls, was entered into on 4th October last and the work is being pushed forward. Plans are prepared for the superstructure, and tenders will be called for so that the work may be put in hand as soon as the preparation of the site is sufficiently advanced.

14. Plans have also been prepared of a small Slaughter-house for the Kowloon Peninsula, and a site has been selected in Hung Hom Bay, east of the Rifle Range. It is proposed to commence the work forthwith, immediately a contract has been entered into.

PUBLIC LAUNDRIES.

15. On the recommendation of a Committee of the Sanitary Board and a site for the first experimental block of public laundries has been approved near the junction of the Kennedy and Wanchai Gap Roads. The working drawings have been prepared, and the building will be commenced as soon as the site is cleared.

PUBLIC LATRINES.

16. Two public latrines are in course of erection in Victoria, two have been fixed at Yau-mai and two are now being erected at Hung Hom.

CIVIL HOSPITAL STAFF QUARTERS.

17. A contract for this extensive block of buildings was entered into in November, 1889, and the masonry is now approaching completion. The progress made has not been altogether satisfactory, some delay having arisen in obtaining the fine dressed granite ashlar facings. I have not failed to urge the Contractor to complete these buildings as early as possible.

CIVIL HOSPITAL—COOLIE QUARTERS.

18. The house for the accommodation of the numerous Chinese servants attached to the Hospital was contracted for in January, 1890. This building is well advanced and should be completed early in the spring.

LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR CHINESE.

19. A contract was made for these buildings on 25th April last. Good progress has been made, they are now roofed in and they should be completed ready for occupation early in the summer.

POLICE STATION—ABERDEEN.

20. A contract was entered into and these buildings were commenced on 28th October last. Fair progress has since been made.

POLICE STATION—QUARRY BAY.

21. A site having been selected in consultation with the Captain Superintendent of Police on the rising ground forming the eastern boundary of Quarry Bay, the working drawings were prepared, the contract let and the work was commenced on 19th November last.

DISTRICT SCHOOL—SAIYINGPUN.

22. A convenient site for this school house which is to serve for the western district of Victoria, having been selected by the Inspector of Schools, a contract was entered into and the work was commenced on 17th September last. The foundations have been completed and the walling is progressing satisfactorily.

NEW WING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

23. The new wing, which includes a ball room 60 feet by 40 feet, supper, card and billiard rooms and other accessories, is situated at the eastern end of Government House. The contract is dated 15th April last. The work has been pushed on with much energy, and but little remains to be done to complete the work.

QUARTERS FOR SUPERINTENDENT.

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

24. Working drawings have been prepared and tenders obtained, and it is proposed to commence these buildings forthwith.

NEW PIER—KOWLOON POINT.

25. During the early part of the year the old pier was removed and a new and improved pier of hardwood was constructed to take its place.

NEW PIER FOR POWDER MAGAZINE—STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND.

26. The old pier which was in the last stage of decay has been removed and the construction of a new timber pier of hardwood 176 feet long and 10 feet wide was commenced on 25th November last.

THE GREAT STORM OF MAY, 1889.

27. The repairs to damage done by that storm were finally completed in August last at a cost of \$106,899, my estimate sent in shortly after the storm occurred having amounted to \$112,763.

REPAIRS TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

28. Besides ordinary repairs to the Government buildings generally, Government House has been thoroughly overhauled and repainted externally. The Government Offices, the Supreme Court, the Central Police Station, and the Civil Hospital have also been painted externally. As the flat roof of the great central hall of the Victoria College leaked badly, it was found necessary to remove the lead covering and relaid. This has been done with satisfactory results. The Lighthouse has been thoroughly repaired and the landings and approaches at Green Island and Cape D'Aguilar have been greatly improved.

REPAIRS TO ROADS.

29. The roads within the City have been maintained in good condition except where the extensive operations of the Water and

Drainage Department have rendered it necessary to break up the surface. As almost every street in the City will be laid out for water, and once for drains, it is evident that for some time to come the maintenance of a fairly good surface must prove a work of no small difficulty.

30. Of the district roads outside the City, the carriage road from West Point to Aberdeen has been metalled throughout. All the roads on Hongkong Island have been maintained in good condition, with the exception of the bridge road from Aberdeen to Stanley to Shaukiwan, and the pathway from Shaukiwan to Cape D'Aguilar. I have recently gone over the road from Aberdeen to Stanley and thence to Shaukiwan with a view to its repair. This road, about 12 miles in length, which was originally well laid out, has been neglected for many years. The Police Inspector at Stanley told me that the portion from thence to Aberdeen had not been repaired since 1874. The traffic on this road is at present very small, but as it may be expected to increase in future, I hope to be able to arrange shortly to put it into an efficient state of repair.

31. The roads and streets in the Kowloon Peninsula have been greatly improved and are now in good repair throughout. A new road called Chater Road is being formed by the Government at the back of the Tsimshatsui Police Station. The road from Yau-mai and Tsimshatsui to Hung Hom which was previously only a track across the sands, almost impracticable after heavy rain, has been formed along the shore of Hung Hom Bay for a distance of about a mile—thus bringing the thriving industrial village of Hung Hom into direct communication with the western part of the Peninsula and the Kowloon ferry. No sooner was the new road sufficiently advanced for the purpose than public carriages have had hitherto not existed in the Peninsula were introduced, and are now plying regularly for hire.

IV.—LAND SURVEY BRANCH.

32. Mr. Malch having returned from leave on 14th December, 1889, was placed in charge of this branch of the Department with Mr. Prosser, as Assistant Land Surveyor.

33. There has been very little demand for land during the year owing doubtless to the reaction from the over-enthusiasm of 1888-89.

34. During the year lease plans have been prepared for one Marine Lot and 22 Inland Lots Victoria, 4 Rural Building Lots, 32 Inland Lots Kowloon, 1 Marine and 2 Inland Lots Quarry Bay, 3 Inland Lots Aberdeen, making a total of 64 leaseplans prepared. Besides these special surveys have been made of the village of Wong-ai-chong for the purposes of the Land Commission and much has been done to fill in the blanks on the map of Victoria by a survey of the lots above the Robinson and Bonham Road levels.

35. The want of a complete survey of the Colony is of the greatest need, and it is greatly to be desired that the new survey which has been sanctioned by Government may be commenced forthwith and pushed on as rapidly as practicable.

V.—SQUATTERS.

36. The issue of squatters' licences devolves on the Surveyor General. During the year 1,966 licences have been issued the fees on which amount to \$4,801. I have on various occasions called attention to the unsatisfactory state of the so-called "Squatters' question" and a "Squatters' Commission" has been appointed to investigate titles to land and grant leases where a good claim can be established. The term "Squatter" is somewhat loosely applied and is frequently used as including all the Chinese inhabitants of the villages who do not hold land under a lease from the Government, and entered on the "Rent Roll" thus showing that the holdings of which they are in possession were held by them or their predecessors at the time of the British occupation. These people cannot therefore be called "Squatters" in any true sense of the word. After those entered on the Rent Roll come persons holding land under squatters' licences. The squatters' licence is nothing more or less than an annual tenancy with power of removal on a month's notice. It is in my opinion desirable that an inquiry should be made to what extent it is desirable to continue the system of squatters' licences and whether in certain cases a more certain tenure with security for improvement might not be granted with advantage.

VI.—INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

37. The following is a list of the number of buildings for which plans have been deposited and which have been completed during the year 1890:—

Plans deposited.	Buildings completed.
European Houses, 34	42
Chinese Houses, 188	204
Factories, Godowns, and Miscellaneous Structures, 47	29
Total, 269	275

During the year, 1,165 notices and permits have been issued through the Inspector of Buildings.

VII.—STAFF.

38. At the commencement of the year the water and drainage works were detached from the Surveyor General and converted into a separate department. Mr. Cooper, however, continued to assist in the work of the Surveyor General's Office until the arrival of Mr. H. P. Tooker, Executive Engineer, in April last. Mr. W. Chatham, Executive Engineer, arrived on 22nd May, and Mr. L. Gibbs, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. G. H. Gale, Chief Draughtsman, on 10th November. These reinforcements have enabled me to commence several of the new works referred to in the earlier portion of this report, and to prepare for the early commencement of others. I beg to record my satisfaction with the manner in which both the old and new Members of the Staff generally have performed their duties.

39. The general health of the Officials of the Department has been good until the latter part of the year when an unusual amount of sickness occurred which has somewhat retarded the operations of the Department.

40. I have deemed it desirable to have returns prepared showing the number of men employed weekly on Government works. Much difficulty was at first experienced in obtaining these returns with any degree of accuracy, as it was not the practice of the Department to keep them in the past. The numbers have gradually increased during the year until during the months of November and December they varied from 2,000 to 3,000. It would appear that latterly this Department has been the largest employer of labour in the Colony. These returns do not include the men employed preparing stone in the quarries nor those on water and drainage works. If to these were added natives working on the fortifications under the Royal Engineers, in the Naval Yard, and for other Government departments, it would be seen that a very considerable proportion of the native labour of the Colony is dependent on Government work.

VIII.—ELECTRIC LIGHT.

41. I may add that the Electric Light Company have during the year constructed their works at Wanchai and 50 Arc Lamps each of 2,000 candle power have been installed in the central portion of the City. They were first lighted on 1st December and will shortly be supplemented by 25 additional lamps, making a total of 75, which will suffice to light the main streets in the central and eastern portion of Victoria.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
S. BROWN,
Surveyor-General.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

MR. KESWICK WITHDRAWS.

The Hon. J. J. Keswick has requested us to publish the following letter, which speaks for itself:—

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1891.

SIR—I have the honour to convey to your Excellency my respectful request that you will be good enough to expunge my name from the letter addressed to you by the unofficial members of Council on the 24th ultimo, with the frank admission and expression of my regret that it contains certain passages which appear to imply disrespect, though they were certainly not so intended by me. It is conceivable that in the midst of personal affairs one may happen to commit oneself in the substance of a letter without sufficient consideration of the terms used.

I may be permitted to add that had the letter been in respectful terms, I am quite sure, from my knowledge of your Excellency, that it would have met with the respectful consideration due.

With regard to the payment of the increased salaries, I recognize that an initial error was made by myself in the amendment on the motion in Council, which, with more time for reflection, I would have omitted, proposing instead that the question should be postponed until the consideration of the next estimates; for I take for granted that the payment this year of the increased salaries that may be sanctioned by the Secretary of State will not preclude their reconsideration in future.

The increased salaries this year have, however, been voted, and on mature consideration I think it fair, right, and expedient that they should be paid, although I still maintain as strongly as ever that were the Secretary of State to sanction to any large extent the proposed increase it would be inexpedient to continue to do so permanently.

Having thus expressed my views on the salaries question I do not feel that it is necessary for me to substitute any letter for the one from which I have withdrawn.

The immediate prospect of the cessation of your Excellency's official relations with the colony, which I, in common, I believe, with the whole community most sincerely regret, will, I feel sure convince your Excellency that I have no other motive in the course I now take than that of repaying to the best of my ability an unintentional wrong.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,
J. J. KESWICK.

To His Excellency Sir G. William Des Voeux, K.C.M.G.

THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS EXPLAIN.

As compared with the foregoing the appended letter, signed by the rest of the Unofficial Members, is especially interesting:—

Hongkong, May 4th, 1891.

SIR—With reference to our letter dated the 24th April, and to your Excellency's comments thereon, we beg to express our most sincere regret that anything which it contains should have caused you any pain or annoyance. We regret further that you should have interpreted certain passages as disrespectful, and as calculated to cast any imputation.

Permit us to earnestly assure you that our letter was not so intended, and with every respect due to your Excellency, we are still of the opinion that the inferences drawn by you are scarcely deducible from our language, and we submit that our letter should not bear the interpretation put upon it by your Excellency.

There was nothing further from our thoughts than to be in any way disrespectful or in the least degree discourteous, and we now, individually and collectively, emphatically disclaim and absolutely disavow any such intention. Our sole object was to protect the interests of the ratepayers of Hongkong. Your Excellency having taken exception to several of our expressions we beg to ask you to consider them in the sense you have read them, as being withdrawn from our letter.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servants,
(Signed) P. RYRIE,
" H. KAI,
" T. H. WHITEHEAD.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. W. Des Voeux, K.C.M.G.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE GOVERNOR.

The following letter has been forwarded by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for publication:—

Hongkong, May 1st, 1891.

SIR—With reference to his Excellency the Governor's written speech, published in the local papers of yesterday, in which his Excellency is reported as follows:—

"But as regards the alleged surplus revenue from lights, it seems to be forgotten that besides lighthouses there are other costly services, such as the Harbour Master's establishment, harbour launches, harbour police and the Observatory, involving an aggregate expenditure of some \$80,000 per annum, which are maintained for the benefit of shipping, and which are principally maintained out of the ordinary taxation of the colony."

I am directed by my Committee to call attention to the following figures, which are taken from the *Government Gazette* of the 27th April last. The disbursements specified by his Excellency appear there to be as follows:—

Harbour Master	\$50,666.67
Observatory	15,000.00
Total	\$65,666.67

The Observatory expenditure shows an increase of \$7,216.05 on the previous year, over 50 per cent, and though classed by his Excellency as maintained for the benefit of shipping, may fairly be charged to the inhabitants of the colony.

As regards some portion, while so far, the benefit derived by shipping from this establishment may be very highly estimated.

The difference between his Excellency's estimate of some \$80,000 and the above \$65,666.67

perhaps arises from the "harbour launches" expenditure, if it is not included in the harbour establishment, not being specifically stated in the *Gazette*, and the harbour police, which doubtless is merged in the general police expenditure of the Colony. If you will kindly refer to the revenues derived by the Harbour Master's department, taken from the same *Gazette*, the following will be found:—

Emigration brokers	\$1,400.00
Junk licenses	22,407.75
Registry of boats	4,631.50
of cargo boats	6,272.50
Cargo boat certificates	1,107.50
Shipping notices	10,830.00
Examination of masters	2,135.00
Survey of steamers	9,060.87
Registry fees	278.00
Medical fees for emigrants	13,066.75
Licenses for steam launches	412.50
Survey certificates for launches	995.00
Licenses for Chinese passenger ships	335.00
Bills of health	2,177.00
Total	\$75,434.37

From this it appears to my Committee that the expenditure mentioned by his Excellency is not "principally maintained out of the ordinary taxation of the Colony."

In instituting these comparative figures, some further items of expenditure, such as the salary of the Government Health Officer, say \$2,000 per annum, are applicable to these receipts, and may be added to his Excellency's total of \$80,000.

Still, sufficient remains to show that shipping, judging from these selected items, is self-supporting. For the Harbour Master's department is used in other ways for the general purposes of the Colony, outside of shipping; while if the Light Dues and their upkeep be added to the totals on their respective sides, the account, say expenditure \$5,172.38, receipts \$31,878.46, taking for the latter item the twelve months of 1889 which embrace the normal collection before the increase sanctioned last year, shipping not only fully disbursts the cost of all special services incurred for its purpose, but contributes a very handsome fund to the general revenue of the Colony.

I am to add that my Committee think no time should be lost in correcting what appears to them to be misleading statements, if the figures here quoted represent all items of public revenue and expenditure connected with the shipping of the Colony, otherwise a very false impression may be generally formed of the matter if allowed to go forth as it is, uncontradicted.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

MR. DEANE ON THE OFFICIAL SALARIES.

Mr. W. M. Deane, Captain Superintendent of Police, at present acting as Colonial Secretary, writes on the above subject to his Excellency the Governor as follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1891.

SIR—As there appears to exist a considerable amount of misapprehension, as to the increase proposed to be made to the salaries of civil servants, I append a table which was drawn up on the completion of the Estimates for this year.

The so-called increase of 35 per cent. is arrived at in this manner:—

The salaries of the principal officer and senior clerks were fixed in sterling by Ordinance No. 13 of 1860.

By a proclamation dated as far back as 1845, the rate at which sterling was to be paid was fixed at 4s. 2d. (Incidentally, I may mention that during all this period the market value of the dollar was generally 4s. 6d. and over.)

Now taking as an example a salary in the above list fixed at £800, this at 4s. 2d. is equal to \$3,440. At the time that the recommendation for the general increase of salaries was made the value of the dollar was about 3s. 1d. £800 at 3s. 1d. is equal to \$3,180. Thirty-five per cent. on \$3,180 is \$1,344. The two added together amount to \$4,524, less than the sterling pay at the rate of exchange of the day.

It is also to be observed that several modifications and reductions have been made, the result of which is that few officers obtain the full value of the proposed increment. A difference based probably on the expense of passages to and from England is made between officers who come from there, and officers in the service who are of local habitation—the latter only receive 20 per cent. increase, and have to pay 4 per cent. to a Widows and Orphans Fund.

Another important element is that the increase is based on salaries as they existed in 1875, and any increases since then have to be taken into account to reduce the final balance.

In conclusion, what the Civil Service practically obtains is what has been granted to the sister services, Navy, Army and Consular, viz., that their salaries shall be paid at approximate rate of exchange for the day, instead of at the arbitrary rate of 4/2.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Governor disposes of the above by the following minute:—

Colonial Secretary.—I have no time to verify all the facts adduced; but at the same time it is clear to me that this letter contains matter deserving of the consideration of the community, and I therefore authorize its publication.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. W. Des Voeux, K.C.M.G.

WESTERN SHANTUNG.

It is a matter of frequent observation with travellers in China, that its ancient cities are disappearing. As a rule there is the greatest difficulty in identifying sites, and when the situation of some place of historical interest is ascertained, all that presents itself to the curious gaze of the investigator is a mound of earth, and a mosaic of broken tiles and bits of brick.

There is a strange propensity on the part of the Chinese to more their cities about, why the great cities are so situated, so that it is broken only the name which is constant. Occasionally the record of this fact is preserved in the position of the wall.

'old' or 'new' to the name of some cities, but not infrequently there is no warning of the alteration. Some of these changes are no doubt due to a laudable impulse to exchange an "inconvenient situation for a better one. Some are to be credited to geomancy, in Oriental countries always a powerful factor in political affairs; and still others are due to superstition, such as leads to the demolition of a city wall and its transplantation when several cases of pestilence have occurred within it.

Of some of the preceding remarks, Kao-ling Chow, in this province, is an interesting example. This is a very ancient place, which is marked on Mr. Oxenham's Historical Atlas as in existence during the time of the Spring and Autumn Annals, representing China from 771

...should be regarded exactly what sums
...and should be paid in such a way that the larger
...members should pay a larger amount, roughly
...in proportion to the size of the ship.
...by which large members, of say 1,750 tons
...and pay more than smaller vessels, of about
...With regard to what the top member
...said, that the exceptional circumstances
...he had mentioned would, in number of
...to override the general principle that a larger
...ship should pay more, he had recognised
...principle of damage was regulated by
...age, was not.

...Kowick said that this was to a certain
...but the actual sum was agreed upon.
...\$100 or \$150 damage; independent of
...of the steamer.
...Especially he pointed out that the Danian
...which had paid \$150 for it, and he
...the fact that they have steam would

The Attorney-General stated that he had put in the \$150 on his own account in the first instance, but on consideration thought it would be better to have a scale, as for a small steamer it would be prohibitory and for a large steamer simply a fine, and they would go on working.

His Excellency suggested to put down the scale by 25 per cent. in each case. After trying a lower figure at first, then if experience showed that it did not really meet the necessity of the case it could be raised, if they continued largely to load in spite of this restriction.

Mr. Kewick agreed that this alteration would prevent this Ordinance from being a hardship on persons who of necessity must work on Sunday, even if only for an hour.

After a further discussion, the fees were lowered by 25 in each case, making the rate for vessels up to 400 tons \$75; up to 700, \$100; 1,000, \$125; 1,500, \$150; 2,000, \$175; and over 2,000, \$200; with this alteration form a was passed. The title and introduction were also passed. The Council then resumed.

THIRD READING.

The Attorney-General said that the alterations made in the Bill had been very small, and as probably this would be the last occasion on which the Council would have the pleasure of meeting His Excellency it was desirable to put the Bill through at once. He therefore moved the suspension of the Standing Orders in order to read the Bill a third time.

Mr. Ho Kai would not like the Council to be laid open to the charge of passing this Ordinance through in a hurry. He saw also that two of the unofficial members were not present, and he thought they might be afforded the chance of saying something on the Bill. Unless the Bill was very urgent, such suspension of the Standing Orders was not needed. The Bill would undoubtedly be passed, as he thought there was no real opposition to it from any quarter.

His Excellency pointed out that the objection would only mean that he must call a meeting for to-morrow morning. If it was for the public advantage, of course he would do so. He had quite made up his mind to the principle of the Ordinance, being generally admitted, and it was his duty to pass it before leaving the Colony, and not to leave it to a future Council.

But of course, if this objection was pressed he would have a meeting to-morrow morning, which would be completely in order. The Ordinance would not come into operation at once. There were two months clear, and if the hon. member would withdraw his motion he had not the least objection to put in another month, in order to give every opportunity of urging any objection from outside before the bill should come into force. He thought that would meet what the hon. member desired to ensure, and would enable his Excellency to leave the Colony without leaving an invidious task to a future Council.

Mr. Ho Kai withdrew his objection, and the date was altered from July 1st to August 1st.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by Mr. Mitchell-Innes, the Bill entitled the Gambling Ordinance, 1891, was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned *sine die* .

"WELL DONE, THOU GOOD" &c.

The following has been sent to us for publication:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Hongkong, 4th May, 1891.

DEAR MR. KEWICK.—The receipt of your letter of yesterday has given me very great pleasure, though I cannot say that it has caused me surprise; for I was always confident, as far as you were concerned, that the letter of the Unofficial Members of the 24th ultimo was signed in the hurry of business without sufficient consideration of the terms used.

You only do me justice in saying that, had the letter, from which you have now withdrawn, been couched in respectful terms, it would have received from me the respectful consideration which would in such case have been due to opinions emanating from such a source.

As regards your motive in withdrawing, to which you refer, I will say that not only can it not be imputed, but that I am confident the mainly and independent course you have taken in admitting and repelling an unintentional wrong, will add largely to the nation in which you are already held by the community of Hongkong.

Yours very faithfully,
(Signed) G. W. DES VŒUX.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE.

A NEW LINE OF STEAMERS FROM HONGKONG.

Commander A. Marshall, R.N.R., well known in the Far East as the popular skipper of the renowned tea-clipper *Strling Castle*, arrived here from Vancouver last Saturday by the Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer *Albatross*, on a special mission. A member of our staff interviewed him on the 4th inst.

I am here, said Captain Marshall, as the special representative of Mr. Richard Barrowell, managing director of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, who is also one of the leading directors of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company and managing director of the "Gulf" line. Mr. Barrowell has charge of all Sir William Pearson's vessels and shipping interests all over the world, and has just returned from the Pacific, where he has been on a special mission. A member of our staff interviewed him on the 4th inst.

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at a comparatively early date. The new line will not in any way damage the interests of the Canadian Pacific Company. The goods to be carried by the new line will be brought to Tacoma by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, which has its terminus in Tacoma.

It is a positive fact that the Canadian Pacific steamers have to shut out cargo at Vancouver almost every trip. That, of course, is detrimental to trade, and if by assisting in carrying the surplus and whatever other cargo is offered, we can keep the godowns empty on the other side, it stands to reason that the trade will go on developing, for shipper will find that all they can gather for shipment is quickly carried on to its destination in China and Japan.

We are on the most friendly terms with the Canadian Pacific Company, whose special agent Mr. George B. Dowdell is. Which should show that there is no truth in the rumour respecting strained relations between the Fairfield Company and the Barrow Shipbuilding Company. The Barrow Company's tender was lower than ours so they got the contract to build the three *Empresses*. There has been no quarrel, and there is no spite or jealousy at the bottom of the projected so-called opposition line to Tacoma.

MINES AT PUGET SOUND.

At no great distance from Tacoma, on the borders of the Sound, there have been discovered coal, gold and silver mines, with the result that towns have rapidly sprung up there, a vast amount of American capital has been invested in the neighbourhood, and railways are now being constructed from Tacoma to the mining districts at Cariboo, Seattle, etc. This all means increase of trade, and the latter will, of course, result in the development of the shipping trade.

TACOMA.

Tacoma is a magnificent port, with plenty of deep water close alongside the piers and wharves. Buildings are being run up there at a great rate, and the city, large as it is at present, bids fair to become, within the next ten or fifteen years, a great rival of San Francisco as regards its shipping and mining interests. There are enormous hotels there, huge warehouses, electric railways, the electric light, and every sign of modern prosperity. It is one of the finest and most go-ahead cities in that vast continent. At no very far distance a line of steamers will be running from Vancouver to Australia, and it was rumoured when I left that a cable will before very long join the two continents. There is plenty of enterprise, as is well known, amongst the American mercantile classes which, as regards the development of Tacoma and neighbouring ports, is backed with any amount of capital. So it is clear that with anything like a fair run of luck the new Co.'s vessels and the Canadian Pacific Company will be carrying vast quantities of cargo to and from "China" which at one time would have been shipped exclusively by vessels using the slower and less certain Suez Canal route. I may, in fine, be taken for granted that the Canadian Pacific and the new company's vessels will be employed in the development of a trade which will benefit the mercantile communities of the Far East generally, and as such should be regarded with the utmost favour by all who have large commercial interests at stake in the Orient. The development of the trade between Vancouver and the Far East is, I believe, the most remarkable feature of trade affairs yet known, and tends to very strongly prove that "where there's a will there's a way."

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

About half-past one o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in the premises No. 331, Queen's Road Central, an eating house which stood at the corner of Queen's Road and Morrison Street. The alarm was sounded, and the Fire Brigade were soon upon the scene, under the direction of Acting Superintendent Horspool and Assistant Superintendent A. Chapman. Owing to the absence of water in the mains it was fortunate the fire was in such close proximity to the harbour, from which a good supply of water was obtained.

The fire, however, by this time had spread to the adjoining shop, No. 333, Queen's Road, a coppermith's shop, which was soon enveloped in flames. The burning buildings being doomed the brigade turned their attention to keeping the fire-lodge, which they succeeded in doing. The two shops, buildings of three stories in height, were entirely gutted, and we learn that No. 331 is insured for \$1,500 in a Chinese Insurance Office, the other premises not being insured.

THE LAND OF THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

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Encyclopedia of Whist.

Cavendish, Pole, Walker, and Clay on Whist.

W. BREWER,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1891.

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LADIES' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, MILLINERY, &c.

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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1891.

Commercial.

THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, May 2nd.

Share business during the week has been of the most insignificant character, and up to date there are no indications of any improvement. Bank shares continue weak at annexed rates, sellers ruling the market.

Docks are the firmest stock in the entire list; a few shares have changed hands for cash at 100 per cent. premium, but the supply proved unequal to the demand and offers to buy at that price are not responded to. Steamboats are unsteady, with sellers at 33, the determined opposition now on the Canton river having entirely taken the backbone out of this once popular stock, and it is greatly to be feared that very much worse times are yet in store for condoling shareholders.

The Indo-China Co.'s steamers are reported to have been doing remunerative business lately, but in spite of this the shares continue to be freely offered at 30 per cent. discount. Popular rumour, which sometimes lies but very often is not far from the truth, is to the effect that the major portion of the Indo-China Co.'s profits is "chow-chow" by running expenses, a very considerable item, being cor'plations, etc., charged by the influential General Managers. Doubtless there are other concerns in the colony of which the same tale could be truly told, but as this is a company in which so many people are interested both here and at home, a careful and impartial investigation of the published reports and accounts would doubtless be read with interest. We shall tackle the job one of these days, pro bona publico.

Douglas Steamers are rather out of favor at 47, but whether this is owing to the new Chinese opposition, to slackness of the Coast carrying trade, or to the dormant condition of the Share Market we are unable to say. Both China Sugars and Lurons are weak at their respective quotations, although inquiries have been frequent during the week. A. S. Watson & Co.'s scrip remains steady at from 21 to 21½, but of late very few transfers have been reported. Hongkong Ropes are strong at 124, and there are offers to buy Panjoms at 24. There are more unlikely things than this latter stock attracting a good deal of public attention before long, and even another sensational "boom" is well within the bounds of possibility. For

the first time within the Company's history the Directors appear to have secured the services of a thoroughly reliable and practical mining expert as manager, a man who knows his business and is not an animated gas-bag, so that if the Panjom concession is really worth working, the shareholders will very soon know it. Since Mr. Beecher's deposition from the supreme control, prospects are stated to have improved wonderfully, and not merely on paper. Raubars are still wanted at 80 cents, but few if any shares are available. The other day ten thousand Raubars were advertised to be auctioned at Singapore, but as they were withdrawn on the day of sale it is quite likely it was only a "bear" dodge to depreciate the stock. Fenwick & Co.'s shares are quoted at \$15, at which rate they are a gift to anybody who has money to invest; the Company has been fully employed for some time past on remunerative work and prospects are in every way satisfactory. In Borneo Planting scrips nothing has been done, and other quotations are mostly of a purely nominal character.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, ex New Issue—104 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue—225 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, New Issue—\$192 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$63 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—\$125 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$120 per share, nominal.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—\$150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$315 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$221 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$98 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$43 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$120 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$100 per share, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$30 per share, discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$47 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$198 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$93 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$30 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$124 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

Panfong and Sanghee Doo Samanin Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$0 cents per share, buyers.

Imperia Mining Co., Limited—\$12 per share, buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$70 per share, buyers.

Tongchi Coal Mining Co.—\$430 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.

The United Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$80 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$48 per share, ex div. buyers.

The Seng Kee Planting Co., Limited—\$13 per share, nominal.

Critchfield & Co., Limited—\$35 per share, nominal.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$16 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$17 per share, sellers.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

ALWING, German steamer, 403, Petersen, 3rd May, Pakhoi, 1/2 Hallow and May, General, Wieler & Co.

ARARON, Arcan, British steamer, 1,372, J. C. Spencer, 2nd April, Calcutta 8th April, Penang 14th, and Singapore 17th, Oulun and General, D. Saxson, Sons & Co.

ASAGAO, Japanese steamer, 1,511, 4, Selck, 5th May, Nacassaki 31st April, Coals, Mitsui Bishi Colliery.

AVOCHIE, British steamer, 1,055, T. Rowin, 4th May, Saigon, 30th April, Rice, Melcher & Co.

BELLKROPH, British steamer, 1,365, Wm. E. Guthrie, 5th May, Singapore 29th April, General, Butterfield & Swire.